

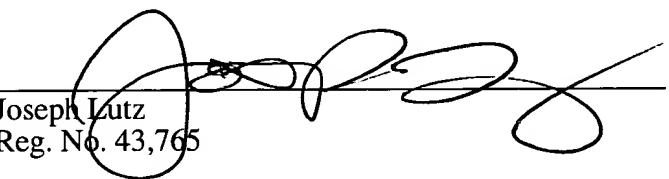
REMARKS

The Examiner has requested a copy of Applicants' Preliminary Amendment, as filed with the Patent Office on December 11, 2000. Attached herewith as Exhibit A is a return receipt postcard for Applicants' Preliminary Amendment bearing the PTO (OIPE) date stamp of December 11, 2000. Attached herewith as Exhibit B is a copy of Applicants' Preliminary Amendment, bearing a mailing date of December 7, 2000.

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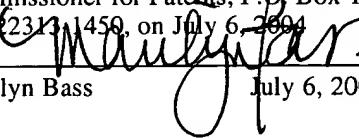
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Exhibit A: postcard
Exhibit B: Preliminary Amendment